Welcome back to the new school year and a sincere welcome to our new Receptions and the many other new students and families. We hope you enjoy your time at Pimpala and I’m sure you will find our community warm and welcoming. I am extremely happy to be in the role of Acting Principal this year and I look forward to getting to know the Pimpala School Community in this role.

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday with your family. It was wonderful to see all the enthusiastic smiling faces on Monday. The first day was calm and full of learning. The children caught up with their friends and settled into their new classes well.

We have an amazing team of staff. We welcome three new teaching staff. Chris Burns and Neil Lohmeyer join the Year 6/7 team with a wealth of teaching experience. Rachel Pullman is our new Indonesian teacher and has spent the last twelve months teaching and travelling in the UK.

Every year the school reviews the strategic plans and develops priorities to guide our work for the year. The initial work on this is underway and will continue on a Pupil Free Day on Friday, 11th March. This is the Friday before the long weekend and POSHC will be available.

The building of the Pimpala Kindy on our site is due to finish by the end of term. The kindy is hoping to move in ready to start Term 2 in their new place. We are very excited about having the kindy here and I’m sure it will make it much easier for parents.

Can I also remind you that students and siblings are not permitted to play on the play equipment before school. After school they are welcome to do this under your supervision until 3.25pm.

We look forward to your continued support in the education of your children and hope you will consider volunteering in school activities in your areas of interest. Many of the school programs like the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program could not operate without assistance. Please see inside this newsletter for more information about volunteer requirements. The Front Office staff can also provide further information.

Our Acquaintance Night will be at 5:30pm and Annual General Meeting at 6:45pm on Wednesday, 24th February. We hope you can join us.

Karen Knox
ACTING PRINCIPAL
CLASS STRUCTURES / TEACHERS 2016

Reception Deb Egglestone
Reception Silvia Lang
Rec/Year 1 Pam Ryles
Year 1 Sandra Howlett
Year 1 Pam Sims
Year 1/2 Hazel Dobson
Year 2 Mel Yates
Year 2 Christine Seyfang
Year 2/3 Peter Lucas
Year 3 Susan Kaye
Year 4/5 Richard Kemp
Year 4/5 Alyssa Rigney
Year 4/5 Nigel Branson
Year 4/5 Geraldine Lewis
Year 4/6 Jo Power
Year 6/7 Neil Lohmeyer
Year 6/7 Chris Burns
Indonesian Rachel Pullman
Music Sarah Pearce
Science Vance Smith
Library Deb Hampton
Physical Education Michael Sbaro
Student Learning Support Sarah Bosworth
Student Learning Support Elira Dixon

PIMPALA’S DAILY PROGRAM
School Starts: 8:50 am
Students must be in class when the bell sounds
Recess Eating Time: 10:40 am
Recess Play Time: 10:50 am – 11:10 am
Lunch Eating Time: 12:40 pm – 12:50 pm
Lunch Play Time: 12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Dismissal: 3:10 pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES
Term 1 Monday, 1st February-Friday, 15th April
Term 2 Monday, 2nd May-Friday, 8th July
Term 3 Monday, 25th July-Friday, 30th September
Term 4 Monday, 17th October-Friday, 16th December

CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016
Lunch orders and counter sales will commence on Monday, 8th February. A new menu / price list will be sent home early this term.

If you are available to help in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday and / or Fridays, please see Trish in the Canteen, or Barb in the Front Office. Fridays and Special Lunch days are our busiest days, but if you can help on any of the days the canteen is open, that would be great. All help is greatly appreciated.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9:15am during term time. We also take phone orders and payments, for your convenience.

VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS
As you would now be aware all volunteers are required to undertake the Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care – for volunteers training (RAN-EC), formally known as Mandatory Reporting to be able to volunteer at school. This is a mandatory requirement and is in addition to the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion - Working with Children screening.

Thank you to those volunteers who have already undertaken training.

We have scheduled a number of workshops commencing in Week 2 of Term 1 including an evening session on Wednesday, 10th February, an afternoon session on Tuesday, 16th February and a morning session on Friday, 19th February. We ask that all current volunteers and those wanting to volunteer this year, make yourselves available to attend one of these sessions. Failure to undertake this training elsewhere or attend one of the scheduled workshops at Pimpala will prevent you from volunteering at the school until it is completed. (If you have already completed this training for 2015-2017 elsewhere, please provide a copy of the certificate to the school).

The workshops will take approximately 2 hours. If you are considering volunteering at the school in any capacity it is recommended that you also attend one of these sessions.

The training addresses how to identify possible indicators of children experiencing abuse, neglect or family violence, your obligations and the processes to follow. It also talks about the impact of the Debelle recommendations, information sharing procedures and access to site leadership. This is critical information for all of our volunteers.

The workshops will be held in the Library. Please let us know if you plan to attend and if you will require a c
crêche. We look forward to seeing you at one of the workshops.

Wednesday, 10th February, 2016 at 7:00pm
Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care – for volunteers
Presented by Rachael Courtney

Tuesday, 16th February, 2016 at 1:00pm
Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care – for volunteers
Presented by Rachael Courtney

Friday, 19th February, 2016 at 9:00am
Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care – for volunteers
Presented by Rachael Courtney

NUT AWARE POLICY
As a number of our students have a severe nut allergy, please abide by the enclosed Nut Aware Policy.
The Student Permission Forms must be completed each year.

Can you also please complete the Information Technology – Cyber Safety Policy (for YEAR 4 students only). The Cyber Safety Policy is divided into three parts with the first part providing general information, the second part relevant for Reception to Year 3 students and the third part for Years 4 – 7. The parent approvals are also signed by the students as a contract of use and are valid for the years the students are in the relevant age range. Consequently, only those students going from Year 3 in 2015 to Year 4 in 2016 need to complete this form and agreement of use.

This form must be returned (by Year 4 students only) by Wednesday, 10th February, 2016 to enable them to access our IT facilities.

Fresh Fruit Friday will commence in Week 2 on Friday 12th February for Reception to Year 3 classes only. These year levels will have the opportunity of sharing a platter of fruit. Please bring along a piece of fruit or some vegetables eg. carrot, cucumber or celery, to share with the class every Friday so the R-3 students can enjoy a shared fresh fruit and vegetable snack.
In response to the large amount of positive feedback, the Kitchen Garden Program will once again run as a whole school program this year. Each year level will participate in a block of both kitchen and garden lessons.

### Term 1
- **Weeks 3-7** Ms Power - Year 6/7 class
- **Weeks 6-10** Mr Lohmeyer - Year 6/7 class
- Mr Burns - Year 6/7 class

### Term 2
- **Weeks 1-5** Mrs Dobson Year - 1/2 class
- Mrs Yates - Year 2 class
- Mrs Seyfang - Year 2 class
- **Weeks 6-10** Ms Kaye - Year 3 class
- Mr Lucas - Year 2/3 class

### Term 3
- **Weeks 1-5** Mrs Lewis - Year 4/5 class
- Mr Branson - Year 4/5 class
- **Weeks 6-10** Mr Kemp - Year 4/5 class
- Mrs Rigney - Year 4/5 class

### Term 4
- **Weeks 1-3** Ms Howlett - Year 1 class
- Mrs Sims - Year 1 class
- **Weeks 4-6** Mrs Lang - Reception class
- Mrs Egglestone - Reception class
- Mrs Ryles - Reception/Year 1 class

Each kitchen lesson requires 6 volunteers. It would be lovely to have some volunteers in the garden as well to help supervise small groups of students with activities such as sowing seeds, seed saving, watering etc.

Volunteers can be parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles or family friends.

Although DECD policy states that parents are able to volunteer in their own child’s classes without DCSI clearance, Pimpala PS will continue requiring all volunteers to have DCSI clearances until the first Governing Council meeting as discussed in the article above.

If you need to complete a DCSI clearance form please see Barb in the Front Office. If you have any questions about the program or wish to put your name down to volunteer in one or more of the classes please don’t hesitate to ring or SMS my volunteer mobile number 0408 637 850.

With lots of watering the vegetable garden survived the Christmas holidays despite the warm weather. Some of the beautiful produce that is growing in the garden at the moment are tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants, silver beet, apples and a large variety of herbs. We also have two peach trees that are full of juicy fruit just about ready for picking!

If you have excess produce from your home gardens we are happy to take it for our kitchen lessons. Any produce can be dropped off in the Front Office or left in the kitchen from Monday to Thursday, we are always extremely grateful for your donations.

Christmas holidays for me were extremely busy and exciting. As well as spending a lot of time looking after and watering the garden, I also got married!

Michele Smith (Ormsby)
Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator
Volunteer Mobile: 0408 637 850

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### FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the school **EVERY** time you change any of your details including phone numbers, mobiles, address, and emergency contacts. Already this year we have come across some disconnected numbers and had mail returned, so please check that we have your new number and new address.

This information is critical if we need to contact you in an emergency.

We have recently updated our Emergency Management Plan in response to the recent bushfires and other threats to schools here and interstate. In the event of an emergency it is our intention to notify parents by text message in the first instance. Consequently, we cannot stress enough the importance of the school having correct mobile phone numbers for parents/caregivers. Please check with the Front Office if you have any doubts.

### CREDIT UNION SA

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM**

Pimpala PS has joined the Credit Union SA School Community Rewards Program as a fundraiser for the school. Any time you take out any Credit Union SA account, loan or credit card and nominate Pimpala PS as the beneficiary, the Credit Union SA will then regularly pay our school a portion of their profits as a tangible cash benefit.

Information has been sent home with this newsletter.

### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Come and try the experience the thrill of BMX racing for free at the Cove BMX Club, Oval Road, Cove Community Sports Centre at the Come & Try day on Saturday, 20th February, Session 1: 8:30am – 9:45am and Session 2: 9:45am-11:00am. Contact Joanne on 0438 272 200 for more information.